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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DONALD GORDON et al.

Application No.: 09/454,216

Filed: December 9, 1999

For: PICTURE-IN-PICTURE AND
MULTIPLE VIDEO STREAMS
USING SLICE-BASED
ENCODING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Please amend claims 1, 4-12, and 14-23 as shown below.]

[Please add new claims 24-37 as follows.]

- 1 1. (Amended) A method for encoding a program guide having included therein
2 a guide portion and a video portion, the method comprising:
3 encoding a first set of slices for the guide portion for each of a plurality of
4 [graphics] guide pages; and
5 encoding a second set of slices for the video portion for each of a plurality of
6 video streams.

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